CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (New) A device for locking and unlocking a vehicle door comprising:

a door handle which is attached to an outer side of the vehicle door, and

a sensor system, arranged in the door handle, for unlocking the door and starting an identification code interrogation,

wherein the vehicle door is secured via an electronic access authorization system which enables unlocking of the door as a function of a result of the identification code interrogation,

wherein the sensor system has an unlocking sensor for unlocking the vehicle door and an identification sensor for starting the identification code interrogation which are arranged separately from one another on the door handle,

wherein the unlocking sensor is arranged in a door-end internal region of the door handle, and

wherein the identification sensor is arranged in an upper region or in a region of the door handle facing away from the door.

10. (New) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the identification sensor is a capacitive sensor.

11. (New) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the unlocking sensor is a capacitive sensor.

12. (New) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the identification sensor has a lower degree of sensitivity than the unlocking sensor.

13. (New) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein a locking sensor is provided for locking the door in the region of the door handle facing away from the door.

14. (New) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the locking sensor and the identification sensor are functionally combined in a single sensor.

15. (New) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the locking sensor is a capacitive sensor.

16. (New) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein, during the identification code interrogation, an identification code on an external chip card which is carried along by the user is interrogated.

17. (New) The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein a locking sensor is provided for locking the door in the region of the door handle facing away from the door.

18. (New) The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the locking sensor and the identification sensor are functionally combined in a single sensor.

19. (New) The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the locking sensor is a capacitive sensor.

20. (New) The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the locking sensor is a capacitive sensor.

21. (New) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein a locking sensor is provided for locking the door in the region of the door handle facing away from the door.

22. (New) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the locking sensor and the identification sensor are functionally combined in a single sensor.

23. (New) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the locking sensor is a capacitive sensor.

24. (New) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein a locking sensor is provided for locking the door in the region of the door handle facing away from the door.

25. (New) The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein the locking sensor and the identification sensor are functionally combined in a single sensor.

26. (New) The device as claimed in claim 24, wherein the locking sensor is a capacitive sensor.